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veteran families occupying permanent housing in the area or community served by the grantee.

- (b) VA will award up to 30 points based on the cost-effectiveness of the grantee's program, as demonstrated by the following:
- (1) The cost per participant household was reasonable.
- (2) The grantee's program was effectively implemented on-budget.
- (c) VA will award up to 15 points based on the extent to which the grantee's program complies with Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program goals and requirements, as demonstrated by the following:
- (1) The grantee's program was administered in accordance with VA's goals for the Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program.
- (2) The grantee's program was administered in accordance with all applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines.
- (3) The grantee's program was administered in accordance with the grantee's supportive services grant agreement.

 $(Authority: 38\ U.S.C.\ 501,\ 2044)$

§ 62.25 Selecting grantees for renewal of supportive services grants.

VA will use the following process to select grantees applying for renewal of supportive services grants:

- (a) So long as the grantee continues to meet the threshold requirements set forth in §62.21, VA will score the grantee using the scoring criteria set forth in §62.24.
- (b) VA will rank those grantees who receive at least the minimum amount of total points and points per category set forth in the Notice of Fund Availability. The grantees will be ranked in order from highest to lowest scores.
- (c) VA will use the grantee's ranking as the basis for selection for funding. VA will fund the highest-ranked grantees for which funding is available.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2044)

§ 62.30 Supportive service: Outreach services.

(a) Grantees must provide outreach services and use their best efforts to ensure that hard-to-reach very low-income veteran families occupying permanent housing are found, engaged, and provided supportive services.

(b) Outreach services must include active liaison with local VA facilities, State, local, tribal (if any), and private agencies and organizations providing supportive services to very low-income veteran families in the area or community to be served by the grantee.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2044)

§62.31 Supportive service: Case management services.

Grantees must provide case management services that include, at a minimum:

- (a) Performing a careful assessment of participant functions and developing and monitoring case plans in coordination with a formal assessment of supportive services needed, including necessary follow-up activities, to ensure that the participant's needs are adequately addressed;
- (b) Establishing linkages with appropriate agencies and service providers in the area or community to help participants obtain needed supportive services:
- (c) Providing referrals to participants and related activities (such as scheduling appointments for participants) to help participants obtain needed supportive services, such as medical, social, and educational assistance or other supportive services to address participants' identified needs and goals:
- (d) Deciding how resources are allocated to participants on the basis of need; and
- (e) Educating participants on issues, including, but not limited to, supportive services availability and participant rights.

(Authority: 38 U.S.C. 501, 2044)

§ 62.32 Supportive service: Assistance in obtaining VA benefits.

- (a) Grantees must assist participants in obtaining any benefits from VA for which the participants are eligible. Such benefits include, but are not limited to:
- (1) Vocational and rehabilitation counseling;
 - (2) Employment and training service;
 - (3) Educational assistance; and